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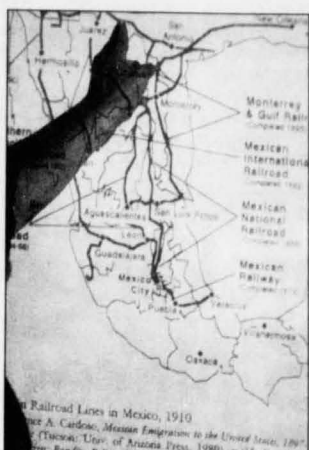
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Speaker discusses history of Mexicans as railroad workers

By Kimberly Lapham
Daily Staff Writer

As a part of San Jose State University's Cinco de Mayo activities, SJSU student Larry Gamino presented a workshop Wednesday about the significance of the relationship between Mexicans and the railroads in the United States.

During the presentation in the Almaden room in the Student Union, Gamino explained how railroads in the early 1900s were the main employer of Mexican labor.

The Mexican population expanded in the United States when the Chinese laborers were excluded in 1882 because of racism, he said.

That's when Southern Pacific railroad recruited Mexican track crews to replace the ousted Chinese workers as cheap labor, Gamino said.

Although the Chinese got the first transcontinental railroad started, the Mexican workers were critical in developing the railroads, he said.

"It's the Mexican muscle, the bronze muscle that built the railroad," Gamino said. "If you were brown, you worked the tracks."

Gamino, who is a graduate student in the Mexican-American studies mas-

VISIONS OF THE PAST



Larry Gamino, a graduate student in the Mexican-American studies program, spoke about "Chicanos and Railroads in the U.S." in the Almaden room Wednesday. Gamino is working toward his teaching credential and will eventually go for his master's degree in the Mexican-American studies program. He said being a teacher was honorable.

ter's program, is a third-generation railroad worker who began working for Southern Pacific railroad after he graduated from high school. He worked for Southern Pacific for almost 30 years.

He said the railroad was an opportu-

nity for jobs and for getting out of Mexico. Once the railroad connected in El Paso in 1888, it allowed Mexicans from the interior of the country to get to the United States, he said.

Most Mexicans planned to stay there

just long enough to earn money and move back to Mexico and buy a home there, he said.

"The railroad offered (Mexicans) a cheap way to migrate north," he said. "It was a marvel. Once you got on that train, it was like a magic carpet ride.

You didn't know where you were going to end up."

Without the railroad, which transported people and supplies in a manner horses could not, populations and

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Attorney granted continuance for Boos

Former SJSU coach doesn't enter plea in child molestation case

By Tony Burchyns
Daily Staff Writer

Facing two counts of child molestation and a possible 16-year stretch in prison, seven-year San Jose State University women's diving coach William T. Boos did not enter a plea at his second arraignment Wednesday, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney's office.

"His attorney asked for a continuance to investigate entry of plea," said Deputy District Attorney Chuck Gillingham.

Boos, who was named diving coach of the year in February by fellow conference coaches, did not return phone messages left at his home Wednesday.

Boos' SJSU contract ended March 31, the same day Santa Clara police arrested him at the Santa Clara Divers Club, said one detective.

"There's no connection between his contract ending and his being arrested that day," said Santa Clara Detective Kurt Clark.

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UPD: Sex offenders not required to file as such at SJSU

By Wendy Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

Sex offenders enrolled in San Jose State University courses are not required by federal law to register their names and criminal information, said Capt. Bruce Lowe from the University Police Department.

State law requires sex offenders to register their names and information, however the public is prohibited from having access to their information, he said. UPD currently follows state laws, he said.

"The federal government is intending to change the law so that colleges, universities and the public have access to their information," Lowe said.

Danny Choi, a creative writing graduate student, said he has mixed reactions to people having access to sex offender information.

"It does not bother me much. But if

I had kids or a girlfriend I would worry," Choi said.

For the most part, the campus is safe, Choi said. It is really difficult to find a place on campus to be alone, he said.

"To be really alone on campus, a person has to be really looking for trouble," Choi said.

Sajeshi Giri, a mechanical engineering graduate student, said sex offender information should be available depending on the degree of the offense.

"I think the information should be available, but I am unsure how the offender might feel about people having access to their information," Giri said.

Lowe said young females under the influence of drugs or alcohol in a party environment are frequent victims of sexual assault. A party environment can be a bar, restaurant, a friend's house or even a beach, he

said. These are the same women who are new to the university environment or are in an unfamiliar atmosphere, he said.

"To protect themselves, women should not go to an unfamiliar place alone," Lowe said. "A trusted friend should accompany the individual; they should watch each other and not leave each other alone."

Limiting the amount of alcohol at a social event is another form of protection, he said. Being aware of the type of alcoholic drink the individual is drinking also helps, he said.

"Watching someone open a drink and pour a drink is a way of making sure nothing is put in it," Lowe said.

A young woman should only be left alone with a man at a social event if she wants his company, he said.

Roxanne Chiu, an undeclared freshman, said that before going to a party she is aware of how much alcohol she

can drink. When someone tries forcing her to drink, she says "No" and walks away.

"Partying does not always mean drinking," Chiu said. "You do not have to drink to have fun."

Lowe said the blue emergency phones posted across campus are there to help those individuals who in a dangerous or uncomfortable situation. Students can also use the phones to report an experience that does not feel right, he said.

The phone call immediately goes to UPD, Lowe said.

"If a person sees something out of the ordinary, suspicious behavior or notices something wrong, he or she should immediately notify UPD," Lowe said. "It does not matter if a student wrongly mistakes an action as being suspicious behavior. A phone call means whether or not someone

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Bush to speak in Santa Clara this week

By Daniel Hartman
Daily Staff Writer

President George W. Bush is scheduled to speak at the United Defense Technology building in Santa Clara at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Global Exchange's Christie Laughlin said his arrival will be received by a lot of opposition from Bay Area groups such as Global Exchange.

South Bay Mobilization Against the War and the Peninsula Peace and

Justice Center.

"(Bush) is definitely not welcome here in the Bay Area," said Laughlin. Laughlin said the Silicon Valley has been hit hard by an economic recession. She said her organization's anger comes from the billions of dollars Bush has allowed to be spent on weapons of war.

"The Silicon Valley has the highest rate of unemployment with 10 percent of able-bodied people being out of work," said Julia Bernd, activist coordinator from the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center.

Bernd said the national rate was somewhere around 6.7 percent. She said the leading slogan for the movement is, "Money for jobs, education and people's needs, not for war."

Vida Shahamati from South Bay Mobilization Against the War said

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S.J. mayor offers \$10,000 bounty for suspects in two separate murder cases

By Daniel Hartman
Daily Staff Writer

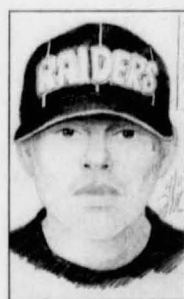
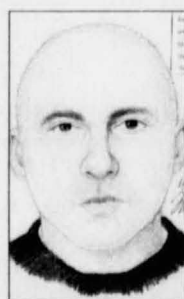
San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales has placed a \$10,000 bounty on the heads of two people suspected of killing.

San Jose police are investigating the homicides of April Marie Sanchez, 15, whose body was found April 19 near Coyote Creek and Yerba Buena High School, and Christian Jimenez, 16, who died from a gunshot to the chest at Selma Olinder Park on April 24. Police say the cases are not believed to be linked.

Sanchez's cause of death has yet to be determined, said San Jose Police Chief William Lansdowne.

In the Jimenez case, the police chief said the suspects were "flashing gang signs" and "(the police) have every belief they are involved in gangs, but not what specific gangs were involved."

Police also speculate the gang theme



Sketches courtesy of the San Jose Police Department

The above sketches are of three people San Jose Police Department are looking for who are believed to have possibly been involved in the death of 16-year-old Christian Jimenez, who was killed by a gunshot to the chest in Selma Olinder Park on April 24.

could be involved in the killing of Sanchez, who Lansdowne said was reportedly attempting to go on a straight and narrow path.

"The fact that she wore certain tattoos showing some loyalty to a gang does not say her affiliation was instrumental in her death," said Lt. Glenn

McCortie of the San Jose Police Department.

"We've interviewed hundreds of people from that area," Lansdowne said. "We're relying on the media, who have been instrumental in helping us, to solve case after case."

Lansdowne said the department has learned over the years not to jump to conclusions. The person or persons responsible for the crimes might not even be in the San Jose area, he said.

Lansdowne said there is a firm possibility the suspect or suspects may have fled to another area.

McCortie said Jimenez and his friends were reportedly wearing blue clothing on the evening Jimenez was killed, but that the attack was in no way provoked by Jimenez or those who were with him. McCortie said they were breaking any laws in the park that evening.

He said one suspect in the Jimenez

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Music makers



Karin Higgins / Daily Staff

Junior music majors Dana Guerin and Beth Goodfellow played a duet on the marimba outside of the Music building Wednesday. Guerin and Goodfellow said they decided to bring their music outside to enjoy the sunny weather.

21ST CENTURY DIGITAL BOY

Education and experiences of a long college career

There is something to be said about spending the better part of a decade in college.

You learn a lot and you get a better outlook on life.

After eight years I am getting ready to graduate and move on in life.

In these years I have attended three different schools, taken virtually every subject available and accumulated enough units to graduate at least twice.

I've also learned that life is not a race, and you have to love what you do or else life's going to suck.

That said, I have had the time of my life in college.

Being a professional student is not a bad thing.

You learn more and you get to choose what you want to learn.

There is no book that says you have to be out in four years, but you have to be ready for the possibility of getting left behind in your quest for self-education.

I have friends who started college after me and have earned master's degrees by now. Then there's my younger brother who started at Stanford University three years after I started college and graduated last year with a double major in Spanish and computer science.

All of that becomes well worth it when I sit back and think of the invaluable memories I have collected in these eight years.

The best part of college, as many will learn, is the

memories.

As a freshman at the University of Southern California I learned that some people are just not intended for certain disciplines.

Specifically, I was not cut out to be an engineer.

That year is, however, chock full of memories.

There was the time I damn near killed Soleil Moon-Frye (of "Punky Brewster" fame) as I raced across the USC campus on my bike. She was on campus to film a movie, and I was late for my chemistry lab. She was stepping out of her trailer as I rounded the corner at breakneck speed. I slammed on the brakes and spun around her. She then called me something I can't print here and went on her way.

That was too close even for my adventurous tastes.

The other big celebrity news when I was a freshman was Joey Lawrence coming to USC to pursue his degree. I'm sure that's not all he was pursuing.

That same year I had the opportunity to fly an F-16 at age 19. How many people get to do that?

Then I hit the junior college circuit to figure out my

life.

There were the endless night classes at Foothill College. I remember the first time I met my girlfriend of nearly six years.

She threw a book at me.

Talk about love at first sight.

There were repeated attempts at learning calculus. I never really understood it, much less how Mother Nature could have built the entire universe around it.

The last three years here at San Jose State University have been the best.

I have made friends, lived the college life to the fullest, and had the opportunity to learn from some of the best teachers I have ever had.

I had the chance to live in a real dorm — something my USC experience lacked.

I have had a chance to make a difference

in my own small way.

The opportunity to take the reins of a functioning daily newspaper was probably the greatest thrill of my eight years.

Just working on the Spartan Daily for the last year and a half has confirmed that life truly is not a race. I have met numerous people just like me who have been in



MIKE CORPOS

school for years and are finally doing what they want to.

College is a place where you can learn just as much from your peers as you can from your instructors. Just ask anyone who passes through the Daily.

You can test your limits and push yourself to the most insane physical extremes.

Most important, though, you can find yourself.

I have been to the other side of the world and have seen life from a different angle.

At Christmas dinner last year, my cousin approached me a congratulated me for breaking the family record, he spent seven years in pursuit of his bachelor's degree with countless major changes. It's nice to know I'm not alone.

I'd like to think, somewhere in my eight years of learning and building my knowledge bank I gained some wisdom and some idea of what life really is.

So far, I know it's not a race, and if you do finish first, you're just dead.

So, to those out there who aren't sure of what you want to do, take your time and find that one thing that makes you want to keep coming back for more.

Mike Corpos is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor. 'Digital Boy' appears Thursdays.

Letters |

Response to 'Suds From My Soapbox'

Dear Editor,

After having read Anne Ward's column, "Raises for public servants in midst of economic slump," published on April 24, 2003, I was happy to see that someone had finally pointed out the issue of legislative staffers receiving raises despite the tight state budget.

The other day I overheard a student say "I am going to have to drop out of school, because the tuition program that helped pay for my education is going to be cut." Perhaps this doesn't seem like a big deal to some students; however, for this single mother of two children it's a tragedy.

Her way out of economic hardship was through school, but the government has taken this away now. So as you can see if this continues soon more students will be forced to give up on their education. The point to my story is that this woman will probably have to seek help from welfare, and that's something we help fund. If these cuts continue and raises keep taking place, you can count on a very destructive cycle that no one will be able to get out of.

Ruby Medina
senior
business

Response to 'Out of the Shell'

Dear Editor,

I read an article in the Spartan Daily, "Atrocities of genocide affect many generations," by Tammy Krikorian on April 23, 2003. I agree with the author's position on how the Turkish government should be fully responsible for the Armenian genocide because it's a crime to all human kind. I can relate this article to the Cambodian genocide.

My parents were refugees from Cambodia. The Cambodian genocide started in 1975 and ended in 1979. The communist party known as the Khmer Rouge was in charge of the country in 1975. Pol Pot was the leader of the Khmer Rouge.

My parents told me countless stories about the genocide. The Khmer Rouge forces every Cambodian to the country-

side where the Cambodian people are forced to do tremendous labor. The Khmer Rouge separated families from each other. The Cambodian people died from torture and starvation.

There are still a lot of Khmer Rouge in Cambodia and they should get prosecuted for what they did. The Khmer Rouge and the Turkish government should be responsible for what they did to humankind because it is inhumane. We should, as a nation, pass this to our generation about genocide so we as humans won't make this happen again.

Khoun Khith
sophomore
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SUDS FROM MY SOAPBOX

Corporate power brokers have friends in high places

My head is swimming in a nebulous ring of boards of directors, chief executive officers, policy committee members, company officers, vice presidents, secretaries of states, and oh my, the list could go on.

Spinning like a merry-go-round that I can marvel only from behind a barrier, I have been researching the lists of boards of directors and corporate officers for some major corporations such as Bechtel, Halliburton, Lockheed Martin, Exxon Mobil and more.

I heard on the radio that President Bush will be visiting the United Defense offices in Santa Clara on Friday morning.

Some protesters are expected to pay him a visit there, though chances are Bush will never see them or their signs, nor will he heed their pleas.

A couple of the demonstration organizers were talking about the connections between government and companies, adding to the "cronyism" criticisms of the Bush Administration.

One such claim is charged against the U.S. Agency for International Development for awarding a \$680 million contract to Bechtel, one of the world's largest engineering firms.

Some of the links, such as such as Vice President Cheney's former role as CEO of Halliburton, have become fairly common knowledge.

Though fully aware that executives often sit as directors on the boards of more than one company, my curiosity and skepticism still captured me.

I was compelled to see for myself just how many connections there really are between big business, specifically those being awarded contracts, and government.

Oh what a tangled web it turned out to be.

Remember the game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon?" Board game makers Parker Brothers or Milton Bradley could make some money if they sold a similar game and called it "Six Degrees from the Policymakers."

They could pose questions such as: "What former U.S. secretary of state during Ronald Reagan's administration now sits on the board of directors for Bechtel?"

If you answered "George Shultz," congratulations — you get another roll of the die.

You rolled a four. Advance your game piece to a square marked "media connections."

Answer this and you get another turn: "Name the chairman of Gannett Company, who also sits on the board of major defense contractor Lockheed Martin?"

This one's a little tough? Not too familiar with the name Gannett?

Here's a clue: Gannett owns 100 daily newspapers, including USA Today, and 22 television stations.

The answer: Douglas H. McCorkindale. In his spare time, McCorkindale also is a director of Gannett, Continental Airlines and is a director or trustee of a number of investment funds in the family of Prudential Mutual Funds.



ANNE WARD

OK, so maybe you missed that one. By the luck of the die, I land on the square marked, "You're a Martha Stewart look-alike — lose a turn."

You're up again and you rolled a one, keeping you in the Lockheed Martin neighborhood.

Question: "Who is Eugene F. Murphy. Explain his relationship to the TV show 'Saturday Night Live.'"

Answer: Murphy is another director on the board of Lockheed Martin. He also is vice chairman and executive officer of General Electric.

How does that connect him to "Saturday Night Live"? The show is on NBC and GE owns NBC.

Among other accomplishments, he is a director of BellSouth Corporation and he was the president and chief executive of GE Aerospace from 1992 to 1993, a director for Martin Marietta from 1993 to 1995, and he was a member of President Reagan's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

OK, my turn again.

I roll a five and advance to a square that says: "Congratulations. You are Ken Lay for a day. Sail away to your favorite exotic island."

Oh goody, it's your turn again.

You've landed on the square marked

"Secretary of Energy Advisory Board."

Question: "Who is Lee R. Raymond?"

Need some help on this one too?

Raymond is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer for Exxon Mobil Corporation and also sits on the board of J.P. Morgan Chase & Company, and is a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Having trouble keeping them straight?

Tired of playing?

Me too.

After more than five hours of quenching my inquiring thirst, I felt bloated and overwhelmed. It was akin to a genealogy exercise conducted by an adopted child who can barely figure out where to begin.

The relationship of board members and policy-makers is incestuous. It is harder to keep track of than the love life of Julia Roberts or Jennifer Lopez.

I lent some integrity to a commentary on the press release page of Bechtel titled, "Bechtel response to media inaccuracies on USAID Iraq reconstruction program" that said:

"Bottom line: Journalists have a responsibility to assess the credibility of claims rather than uncritically reporting innuendo from partisan organizations and political critics."

Bottom line from this journalist: I agree, and I'd like to

make it my business to keep your business straight — in actions and in policy-making.

Anne Ward is the Spartan Daily Projects Editor. 'Suds From My Soapbox' appears Thursdays.

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Associated Students Campus Recreation
ASCR is offering fitness classes at the Event Center. Classes running today: Body Sculpting, Weight Training, Yoga, Aerobics, Advanced Step, Butts & Guts, Body Sculpting, Beginning Step. For more information and class times, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Associated Students Campus Recreation
Home run contest at 1:30 p.m. on South Campus field. For more information contact Rita Chandler at 924-6266.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Join the Alpha Omega group for food and fun from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday in the Omega Lounge at the CCM. For more information contact Orshi Fejer at 938-1610.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Scripture reflection every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the CCM Chapel. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

Nurses Christian Fellowship
Community building at 2:30 p.m.

in the Pacheco Room of the Student Union. For more information contact Diane Stegmair at 248-2997.

Akbayan Pilipino American Organization
General meeting — embrace in friendship! Learn more about the Pilipino culture and the people who live it. Meeting takes place at 4:15 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information call 924-7455.

The Listening Hour Concert Series
SJSU Concert Choir: Elena Sharkova will direct the choir in folk songs from around the world and beautiful traditional repertoire from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building concert hall. For more information contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

College of Engineering
Symposium on Leading Technologies: Dr. Glenn Fox, director of the Forensic Science Center at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, will discuss "Catching the Bad Guys: Forensic science and its application to national security" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Engineering Auditorium (ENG 189). For more information contact Professor Hambaba at 924-3959.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science
Body fat testing is back: Bioelectric Impedance from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Thursday or by appointment in Central Classroom Building, Room 221. For more information contact Sherry at 206-7599 or sherrbutler@netscape.net.

School of Art and Design
Student galleries art exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.

Movimiento Estudiantil de Aztlan M.E.Ch.A.
Weekly meeting today at 6 p.m. in Mosaic Student Union. For more information contact Adriana Cabrera-Garcia at 250-9245 or sanjosemcha@yahoo.com.

National Association of Working Women, 9 to 5
The National Association of Working Women is inviting all college working women to dial the 9 to 5 job survival hotline at 1 (800) 522-0925 for help with workplace problems.

Students for Justice
Weekly meeting from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Library (modular building A). For more information contact Christine Madore at (650) 533-1735 or 971-1070.

Career Center
Satellite outreach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ninth Street Plaza. For more information contact the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

SJSU Professional Development
Professional businesswomen of California (PBWC): "Taking the lead: Thriving through uncertain times." From 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center. For more information contact Judi Kaiser at 519-1289.

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Beijing builds a SARS hospital in eight days

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing didn't have enough beds for SARS patients in its hospitals, so it built a new one — in eight days.

As city leaders struggled to bring in enough doctors and add more hospital beds to cope with its SARS epidemic, construction workers put the finishing touches Wednesday on the new 1,000-bed facility.

It was built in a former cornfield next to an ostrich farm north of Beijing. The Chinese capital's new mayor, Wang Qishan, said the first 195 patients were ready to move in.

The rows of white, one-story buildings ringed by a 15-foot-high red brick wall are the centerpiece of increasingly urgent efforts to defeat an outbreak Wang said, "remains severe."

The Health Ministry reported nine new fatalities in Beijing and two elsewhere Wednesday, raising the capital's death toll to 75 and the mainland total to 159. It said there were 166 new infections — 101 of them in Beijing — boosting the nationwide total to 3,460. Most of the capital's 1,448 cases are still hospitalized.

Only in mainland China is the respiratory disease continuing to spread uncontrolled, according to the World Health Organization.

Worldwide, the WHO reported 5,400 people infected with the new virus, with roughly 2,400 of those recovered. More than 353 have died. Generally, more than nine out of 10 people recover from SARS, although in China the death rate appears to be higher.

The U.N. health agency said Wednesday it would investigate reports in Hong Kong of 12 SARS patients who relapsed after being sent home from the hospital. Even so, officials say the worst in Hong Kong appears to be over, as is the case in Toronto and Singapore.

Wang, Beijing's new mayor who took office only last week, acknowledged there had been some panic and said calming the public was an urgent goal — one he said could be achieved by improving the SARS recovery rate and stopping the spread of the illness.

"The panic and fear factor among the general public is a really big issue for us," Wang said at a news conference Wednesday that was shown live on Beijing television.

Worries about the disease prompted thousands of people to flee Beijing last week. Many who remain are staying home from work in hopes of avoiding the virus.

A written statement distributed by the mayor said the infection continued to spread. It said the 21 hospitals in Beijing assigned to handle SARS didn't have enough beds for all suspected cases.

Wang promised to add more hospital beds and bring in doctors and nurses from outside Beijing to help.

The new SARS facility, on the northern outskirts near the hot springs resort village of Xiaotangshan, was built by 7,000 men and women working around the clock, the official Xinhua News Agency said. They appeared to have slept under tarpaulins among the broken cornstalks in the surrounding fields.

The facility is made of prefabricated panels. At the gate, two dozen members of the paramilitary People's Armed Police stood guard, dressed in green uniforms and white gauze face masks. A sign on a nearby guard hut told drivers to, "Stop, Roll up Windows, Prepare to Be Disinfected."

The ward is part of an effort Wang said already has cost \$50 million. Much of that probably was spent in just the past two weeks after President Hu Jintao declared fighting SARS a national priority following weeks of

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businesses would not have grown so fast, he said.

"Without the railroad development, the resources wouldn't have been used," Gamino said. "People have taken for granted that we've always had mechanized transportation."

Despite the opportunity for work, the railroad workers faced a physically and emotionally challenging job.

"They sent you anywhere, anytime, anyplace," Gamino said of the railroad companies as he showed pictures of Mexicans boarding trains to go work on the railroad in the early 1900s. "They separated them from their family. These pictures are heartbreaking because they'd separate, and most times, they'd never return."

Not only was the work challenging and dangerous.

"The public and media thought they were nothing but modern slaves," Gamino said. "Railroad is a very hard job. It's not only dangerous, but you're always on the move. If you had any skills, you'd try to leave the railroad. It was a dirty job but Mexicans did what they had to do."

However, the men weren't the only hard workers.

Gamino said Mexican women, including his mother, played a large role during World War II as railroad workers. Rather than Rosie the Riveters, he called them Rosa the Railroaders.

"It was a dangerous job but they survived," Gamino said. "They liked it. They liked feeling important."

He explained how, despite the low wages, having a job with the railroad was important to a Mexican-American family.

"The railroad was the most important transportation at the time," he said. "It was prestigious to have a steady job and to belong to the community. It was a sign the Mexican community was here to stay."



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Larry Gamino said to the audience of about 10 people that the power of the past is very important and that everyone should make a family tree and discover their roots. After his speech, Gamino fielded questions from the audience.

Gamino's investigation into the Mexican-American community's tie to railroads began with an interest in the lives of his parents, who were both born in boxcars.

Many Mexican railroad workers lived in boxcars in camps until they could afford their own homes, Gamino said. Such makeshift homes were rent-free but lacked electricity and plumbing.

"My parents were born in these boxcars," Gamino said. "But they didn't consider themselves poor."

He said his parents' "boxcar culture" inspired him to look deeper into his family's past, which led him to choose them as the case study for his thesis. He stressed the importance of keeping track of family history.

"It's the most important information you'll need to pass forward," he told the audience. "You need to get this information and pass it on because your histories

community alive with traditions. We had a strong culture. This is what Cinco de Mayo is all about — developing culture and community."

Gamino said Mexican families are often portrayed as farm laborers but that image is false. He said he's trying to demonstrate the diversity of families in the Mexican-American community.

"My thesis shows (the Mexican as) being a railroad worker before he was an agricultural worker," Gamino said. "I'd like to break stereotypes. Research shows the railroad was not the Chinese as often portrayed in books, but Mexican muscle."

Gamino said in addition to breaking stereotypes, he wanted the workshop to educate, which it did.

"It was really, really informative learning about the railroad, the past and Mr. Gamino's own past," said Carlos Trujillo, chair of the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity, which helped present the workshops. "It was pretty interesting."

Andre Baires, a Gamma Zeta Alpha member, said he was familiar with the history of Mexicans working in agriculture but not the railroad. He said it was good to learn about another aspect of the Mexican migration to the United States.

"The railroad, I didn't know much about it," Baires said, noting that although he is not Mexican, the workshop still interested him. "All this information enlightened me. It was very interesting. I'm always willing to learn other information about other cultures."

Report finds increase in black children in poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of black children living in extreme poverty has risen sharply in recent years, an advocacy group said a report released Wednesday.

About 932,000 black children fell into that category in 2001, a 50 percent increase from the 622,000 classified that way in 1999, according to an analysis of the latest Census Bureau figures by the Children's Defense Fund.

It's the highest number since 1979,

the earliest data available.

The organization defined extreme poverty as a family with after-tax income that is less than half what the federal government defines as the poverty line. For a family of three, the federal figure was \$14,128 in 2001 — making the extreme poverty line \$7,064 for that year.

The fund's definition of income includes the value of food stamps, subsidized school lunches and housing benefits.

While the report itself focused on blacks, researchers estimated there were 733,000 extremely poor Hispanic children in 2001, an increase of about 13 percent from 2000. The number of very poor children who are white rose about 2 percent to 1.8 million.

More than 8 percent of all black children lived in extremely poor conditions in 2001, double the percentage for all races, according to the study.

Census Bureau data from September showed a steady decline since 1993 in

the number of black children living in poverty. The 2001 figure of 3.4 million children was 200,000 fewer than in 1999.

The Census Bureau does not differentiate beyond those below the federal poverty line.

The fund's report said safety nets to help the poorest of the poor have been eroded through welfare reform, and recent Bush administration proposals will not help, said the group's president, Marian Wright Edelman.

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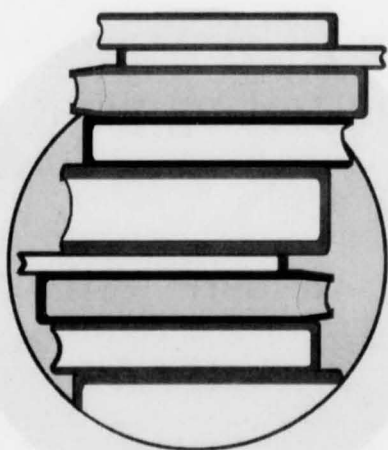
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Shawn Flanagan Sr. played baseball with son Shawn Michael, 4, Wednesday on campus near Fourth and San Carlos streets. Flanagan said his son likes baseball and is looking forward to his first Giants game.

Boos Coach could return to SJSU

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Clark said he would not comment on reports of Boos' admitted molesting a two-year-old relative during the 1980s. Last month, the San Francisco Chronicle reported an ex-wife of Boos originally reported the abuse.

Boos' current wife, Sharon, said Wednesday she had no comment, and referred further questions to her husband's attorney, Craig Brown.

Brown was unavailable for comment late Wednesday afternoon.

Neither Clark nor prosecutor Gillingham would say when the allegations were made.

All relevant court documents, including police reports, are currently being updated after Wednesday's hearing and will be made public Monday, according to a clerk at the Hall of Justice in San Jose.

Boos' next court date is May 28, the clerk said.

Earlier this month, SJSU Athletic Director Chuck Bell said Boos might coach again at SJSU.

"Renewing his contract would be up to the head swimming coach (Victor Wales)," Bell said in an April 15 Spartan Daily article.

However, until Boos is officially cleared of the molestation charges, "he might not even want to come back," Bell said.

As for now, Boos' answering machine still picks up at his old SJSU number.

"I guess no one's bothered to go in there and change it," said Linda Ozaki, an administrative assistant in the athletic department.

SEX Neighborhood near SJSU has 369

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ends up hurt. Being touched in an uncomfortable manner is another reason to notify UPD.

Lowe said the emergency blue phones are easy to use.

"To use the phones, a person has to simply pick up the phone," Lowe said. "The call immediately goes to UPD and within seconds help will arrive."

The phones can also be used to call escorts who guide students from one campus location to another, Lowe said.

According to UPD, escorts also go one block off campus to help students get to where they need.

Natalie Rodriguez, an education counseling graduate student, said there should be more information publicizing the escorts that are available to those who need them.

Rodriguez said that as a female, it is good to know that the service is available.

Lowe said it is hard to predict when

a sex offender is going to attack.

"People never suspect when an offender is going to attack," Lowe said. "It is never suspected because it is the people closest to the victim who become sexual offenders."

Victims who have been sexually assaulted should call the police as soon as possible, he said. To not destroy evidence, it is important not to wash the affected area or change clothing.

"When a phone call is made, there is no accountability of the incident," Lowe said. "Not reporting a crime allows for an offender to repeat a crime."

Suspects routinely go to women who are unsure of themselves, he said.

Victims do not usually report a sexual offender because they feel embarrassed and it may be difficult for them to pick up the phone, Lowe said.

They may not want to testify.

"Bringing an incident to the police's attention means that an offender is going to have a record," Lowe said.

"The record will follow the offender every where he goes."

SJSU is located in an urban neighborhood, in a city that is considered somewhat dangerous.

According to the San Jose Police Department, zip code 95112 surrounding the campus has the highest number of sex offenders in the area. There are a total of 369 offenders, according to SJPD.

Rodriguez said it is an unsettling feeling to know there are sex offenders in the general area.

"I have night classes and it feels safe walking across campus," Rodriguez said. "If I were walking on the street I would feel a lot more scared."

Lowe said sexual assault is a serious crime underreported on campus. Sexual offenses unaccounted for have a high possibility of occurring again, he said.

"UPD has made it possible to report crimes confidentially," Lowe said. "Help programs such as Crime Stoppers are resources to call in crime tips confidentially."

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case was dressed in a Raiders hat and had a teardrop tattoo under his left eye, while another was in red Nike shoes. There was no specific information about the third suspect.

"The tear drop usually is meant to represent time spent in prison," said SJPD Sgt. Rob Millard.

McCourtie said police artist Gil Zamora was in charge of drawing the sketches and has helped bring many fugitives to justice.

Zamora said much of the information he received came from friends of Jimenez, whom he said were not hurt in the April 24 melee.

San Jose City Councilwoman Cindy Chavez said if anyone in the commu-

nity has any information regarding the either case to come forward.

"You will be caught," Chavez said about the suspects.

In an unrelated case, Gonzales said Guy Jimenez, a murder suspect from a 1981 case, was arrested yesterday in Reno and extradited to California.

"We will not tolerate criminals and killers among us," Gonzales said.

Gonzales said San Jose has consistently had the lowest crime rate for being the 10th biggest city in the United States.

Chavez reaffirmed the statements made by Gonzales by saying the city's greatest and safest neighborhoods and residents have worked together to provide information linking criminals to the crimes they commit.

Lansdowne said anyone who knows about the murders is responsible for giving information to SJPD.

"It's not that the community is not working with us, but that little extra impetus is what breaks loose the critical piece of information that allows us to put the case together," he said.

He said \$10,000 was the amount deemed suitable for this case.

"This is the 10th homicide this year. The year before (there were) 22. The year before (there were) 26," Lansdowne said. "There is no other major city in America that can use those numbers as you look at violent crime in the city of San Jose."

Anyone with information pertaining to either case is advised to contact SJPD at (408) 277-5283.

School dormitory collapses in southern Turkey after strong quake

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — At least 135 children were buried in a collapsed school dormitory after a strong earthquake struck southeastern Turkey, a provincial governor said Thursday.

Gov. Huseyin Avni Cos told private NTV television he did not know if any of the children were killed.

The quake collapsed buildings and sent panicked residents into the streets of several towns, officials said. At least 13 people were reported killed and hundreds of homes destroyed in one village, according to television reports.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4, struck around 3:30 a.m. and was centered just outside the city of Bingol, about 430 miles east of Ankara, the Kandilli seismology center in Istanbul said. The tremor was felt in several surrounding provinces.

Nihat Bartamay, who was helping the rescue effort in the village of Cimenli, near Bingol, said he had pulled 13 bodies out of several collapsed homes.

"Everything is destroyed. There are no buildings standing," Bartamay said, speaking on private NTV television.

Television footage showed hundreds of people roaming the streets of Cimenli and dozens of mud homes destroyed. A number of strong aftershocks struck the area, including one with a magnitude 5, NTV reported.

"The quake lasted 17 seconds and we think that it was a quake which could cause considerable damage," Gulay Barbarasoglu, head of the observatory, told Turkish state television.

Feyzullah Karaaslan, Bingol's mayor, said the quake had caused cracks in a

number of buildings and collapsed others.

Provincial Gov. Huseyin Cos said a dormitory that housed 200 primary and middle school students in Bingol had collapsed. There was no immediate word on the students' fate.

The quake damaged power lines and generating equipment and telephone lines in the area and electricity was cut. Mobile phone service also appeared to be out in Bingol.

A magnitude 6 quake can cause severe damage.

Earthquakes are frequent in Turkey, which lies on the active North Anatolian fault.

Ruptures in the fault caused two quakes in August 1999 that killed some 18,000 people and devastated large parts of northwestern Turkey.

Federal government to cut 6,000 jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government announced plans Wednesday to eliminate 3,000 more airport screening jobs by the end of September.

The cuts, coupled with 3,000 others announced in March, amount to about 11 percent of the 55,600 screeners employed. The moves will save the Transportation Security Administration an estimated \$280 million, director James Loy said.

"TSA is entering a new stage in its maturation," Loy said of the 17-month-old agency.

The first 3,000 cuts will be made by May 31, the rest by Sept. 30. Loy said the TSA will try to trim the work force through attrition and putting some workers on part-time hours.

Loy said the cuts won't diminish security, though it's possible they could add some time to the screening process. A 10-minute wait limit is still the goal, he said.

The cuts address critics in Congress, mainly Republicans, who believe the TSA grew too large too fast. To get around a congressionally mandated cap

of 45,000 full-time screeners the TSA hired 9,000 "temporary" workers, most of whom were given five-year contracts.

The jobs cuts are aimed at keeping staffing levels closer to what is needed at the nation's 429 commercial airports.

For example, Pittsburgh International Airport and Salt Lake City International Airport will each lose about 40 percent of their screeners, but some airports, such as Yakutat, Alaska, will add screeners. Yakutat, which sees business rise with the summer travel season, will go from 1 to 16 screeners.

Last of 18 men accused of gang rape plead guilty to lesser charges

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — The last four of 18 men accused of gang raping a mentally disabled 13-year-old girl pleaded guilty to lesser charges Wednesday.

Jury selection began last week. But all the defendants have now pleaded guilty to statutory rape or child molestation, which carry sentences of seven to 10 years in prison. Rape and sexual exploitation charges were dropped.

"This is not a case of terrible forceful gang rape," said Cobb County District Attorney Pat Head.

The defendants, most of whom were teenagers at the time, took turns having

sex with the girl over 10 hours in an abandoned apartment in 2000. Head said there was evidence of physical force on two or three occasions, and the girl said at least once that she wanted to leave.

But the men didn't attack or restrain the girl, and a video showing four of the defendants clearly shows she didn't resist, he said. "A jury could conclude that she is accommodating them," Head said.

Joseph Johnson, 28, was sentenced to eight years in prison after pleading guilty to child molestation.

Christopher Wyatt, 27, will serve nine

years on the same charge. Carelius Davidson and Keland Ware, both 21, pleaded guilty to statutory rape and received credit for 2 years of time served.

The girl had an IQ of about 65 and spent years in special education classes, according to court records.

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SJSU student finds fulfillment in life working at YWCA

By Matthew Adamski
Daily Staff Writer

Ever since Elizabeth Lynch was 5-years old she had a desire to change the world. She never lost this desire.

She began volunteering when she joined her sorority, Alpha Phi. Being a member of Alpha Phi provided her with opportunities to actively participate in the community.

"Joining my sorority was an absolute gateway to my involvement in the community. The Greek system and women's organizations in general are absolutely irreplaceable in a student's life," Lynch said.

"This has helped shape me and I have learned the same amount if not

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more through my service work than I ever did in the classroom alone."

She also joined a program called the International National Voluntary Service Training program through the sociology department. This program allowed her to further analyze her volunteer work within the context of larger problems in society.

"Through this program, the issues that I studied in my classes were also illustrated in real life through my service site," said Lynch.

Her experiences in an abusive relationship and knowing women who had been sexually assaulted provided her with all the inspiration she needed to start helping women in the community.

"I had just found out that a woman who I deeply admired had been raped and I know many women who have been sexually assaulted as well. This issue just hit very close to home for me," she said.

"When I came to San Jose State I was in an abusive relationship, and I thought that by volunteering I might be able to confront some of my own demons while supporting other women in their quest for liberation from theirs as well," Lynch said.

After working with children and the elderly at community events, she decided to become a volunteer outside her sorority after searching for oppor-



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Elizabeth Lynch, right, a volunteer at the YWCA Rape Crisis Center, helped with the preparations at the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event at Cesar Chavez Park Saturday afternoon. She has been a YWCA volunteer for the last two years. Lynch is also a graduating senior in administration of justice and sociology and a member of the Alpha Phi sorority.

tunities online and attending an event at YWCA's Rape Crisis Center. At the center she developed relationships with people and decided to stay.

"I was looking for volunteer opportunities online at volunteermatch.com and came across some events for the YWCA Rape Crisis Center because it happened to be sexual assault awareness month," Lynch said. "So I went to a clothesline project and really loved the women that I met there. This event just got me hooked, and I haven't stopped being at the Rape Crisis Center since then."

She has been volunteering at the YWCA for a year and a half now. She also started volunteering at the YMCA this semester. She got involved with the YMCA through a

service learning class at SJSU.

"Being part of a female-centered and focused organization really allowed me to explore what it means to me to be female in society. And I found that each time I worked with women I came closer and closer to understanding myself," Lynch said.

Some of the work she does as a volunteer includes answering phone calls on the 24-hour crisis line, accompanying women to Valley Medical Center for sexual assault exams and working on committees such as the ad hoc committee for Sexual Assault Awareness month.

The ad hoc committee is a committee of volunteers dedicated to helping to put together activities throughout the month such as the "Walk a Mile in

Her Shoes" event. The event provided opportunities for men to show support in the fight against sexual assault by walking in women's shoes to raise awareness. This year's event was held on Saturday.

"I went through a 60-hour training program in order to answer phone calls on the 24-hour crisis line. People call with a variety of different things that they need to address," Lynch said.

"When necessary, I will accompany women to Valley Medical Center for sexual assault exams. I also work on committees as necessary. I am currently on the ad hoc committee for Sexual Assault Awareness month. We are putting on a variety of events in the community in order to promote awareness about sexual assault during

the month of April," she said.

The thing Lynch enjoys most about her work at the center is the results she sees from counseling other women.

"I can really see results when I counsel women. It feels good to hang up the phone and know that the person on the other line feels better because I was there. I also enjoy assisting women in empowering themselves to overcome extraordinary events," she said.

Jen Adler, program director of the Rape Crisis Center, has known Lynch since June 2002. She described how she met Lynch.

"I met her actually because she was a volunteer for the Rape Crisis Center in Palo Alto and she heard that all of our volunteers at our center were a little bit busier. So she wanted to continue her volunteer experience by transferring down to the San Jose center from Palo Alto especially since she lives a couple of blocks from us as she goes to San Jose State University," said Adler.

While working at the center Lynch has had memorable moments with women whom she has counseled. A recent experience she had with a woman at a sexual assault exam helped her to realize how quickly lives can be altered with one small twist of fate.

"Recently I went to a sexual assault exam and I was sitting with the woman and holding her hand. The only thing that I could think of was that we could easily trade places. We could so simply, with one small twist of fate, be in one another's shoes. Experiences like this really help to keep me grounded and realize how fragile life really is," Lynch said.

Lynch is appreciated by her colleagues and her clients for the work she does.

"I think Elizabeth is a fantastic volunteer. We value having her as part of our team. This month she was voted as our volunteer of the month by the staff. Mostly because on one evening there were two hospital responses in a row that she responded to. And one of those clients expressed to us, 'I never would have survived that night without Elizabeth,'" Adler said. "So she has really been just an asset to both the agency and to the clients that we serve. And she's been really active in

our volunteer activities as well. So we just absolutely love her around here."

Amy Trelut, membership coordinator of the YMCA, met Elizabeth two years ago in a sorority house and has been her roommate for the last year and a half. She described Elizabeth as a volunteer.

"She is an extraordinary person. She is very dedicated to her work. I think she is very focused. My guess is she's very dedicated when she puts her mind to something. She works hard at what she does. Elizabeth works full time and goes to school full time," Trelut said. "A lot of people that I know look up to her. I know her sister looks up to her. Many people in her family look up to her. Many of her friends look up to her."

By becoming a volunteer in the community, Lynch has led others to follow her example. Whenever she witnesses someone following her lead, she feels proud.

"After I became a volunteer at the YWCA my roommate got inspired and she is now an advocate, as well. This really helped to illustrate the power of leading by example. She, too, finds the volunteer experience very rewarding. Seeing her at her graduation from training — I was almost like a proud parent," Lynch said.

Her primary goal is to use her knowledge and experience to further the quest of women everywhere and get their needs on the public agenda.

"I plan on forming my own nonprofit organization one day that offers services to women. Linking them up to other community resources, support groups, counseling for victims of crime, free legal advice, community outreach, and self-esteem, body image and beauty myth workshops," Lynch said.

She encourages individuals to be active in their community if they have not done so already because it benefits everyone involved including the individual.

"The world is interconnected — be an active citizen in your community. Do something that makes you absolutely come alive," Lynch said. "It is contagious. The rewards that I have received from the many different people that I work with are immeasurable."

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there are groups gathering at Larry J. Marsalli Park on the corner of Lafayette Street and El Camino Real in Santa Clara. She said there are carpools scheduled to leave from the South Bay Mobilization office parking lot at 480 North First St. in San Jose around 8:30 a.m.

Laughlin said all the organizations will pass out signs and bullhorns so the represented groups will be visible to the President.

"Most information was given to companies and contractors to be present at the arrival of President Bush," Laughlin said. "It was harder for normal citizens to get details about where he was going to be speaking."

Shahamati said one of the reasons

her organization is going to be present is because of what she calls Bush's "anti-human" and "pro-war" philosophy. She said Bush has supported the spending of more than \$399 billion to increase military spending while cutting 46 key educational programs and important healthcare benefits to the disabled.

"(South Bay Mobilization Against the War) does not believe in undermining workers' rights, civil liberties and freedom in the name of fighting terrorism," Shahamati said.

"We want to stop the war in Iraq," Bernd said.

She said the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center supports the end of the United States' occupation of Iraq and is trying to prevent future wars from occurring.

Suicide strike shakes Tel Aviv

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Dan Kurtzer met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday to present him with an internationally backed Mideast peace plan that envisions Palestinian statehood within three years.

A convoy of diplomatic vehicles pulled up to Sharon's house in Jerusalem on Wednesday afternoon and a diplomatic source confirmed that Kurtzer arrived.

Terje Larsen, the United Nations envoy to the Middle East, said in the West Bank town of Ramallah that the so-called "road map" would be presented to Abbas about 90 minutes later.

The delivery to Sharon came hours after Mahmoud Abbas was sworn in as Palestinian prime minister and a suicide attacker killed three others at a Tel Aviv bar. A militia tied to Abbas' own Fatah movement claimed responsibility, along with the Islamic militant group Hamas.

The peace plan was drafted by the so-called Quartet of Mideast mediators: the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia.

It calls for an immediate cease-fire, a crackdown on Palestinian militias, an Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian towns and the dismantling of Jewish settlements erected since 2001. A Palestinian state with provisional borders could be established by year's end, with full statehood possibly achieved within three years, according to the timetable.

Abbas was sworn in Wednesday at the West Bank headquarters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Prior to his inauguration, he spoke out against the bombing, saying, "We condemn this attack strongly."

A spokesman for the Fatah-linked militia, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, told The Associated Press the bombing was a message to the new prime minister that "nobody can disarm the resistance movements without a political solution."

Israeli Cabinet Minister Dan Naveh said the bombing indicated that "there are still many factions within the PLO and the Fatah that are interested in continuing the attacks."

"As long as Abu Mazen is in his position but Arafat continues to go behind his back and encourages the terror, we will not see a change," Naveh told Israel Radio.

The bomber struck on Tel Aviv's seaside promenade at about 1 a.m., blowing himself up outside Mike's Place, a pub and restaurant popular with foreigners and just a few yards from the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy.

A security guard stopped the bomber at the entrance to the crowded pub. The guard was badly wounded.

The pub's owner, Gal Ganzman, his shirt covered with blood, said he was standing behind the bar when he heard the explosion. "I'm alive, I'm fine," he said. "One of the waitresses lost an arm but she's still alive."

Police said the waitress, a French citizen, died later at a hospital, one of three bystanders killed.

Fifty-five people were wounded, police and hospital officials said. Twenty people remained hospitalized later Wednesday, including six who were in serious condition.

It was the 89th suicide bombing targeting Israelis in the past 31 months. Since September 2000, 2,287 people have been killed on the Palestinian side, and 763 people on the Israeli side.

Personal experiences of diversity shared

By Carrie Mattingly
Daily Staff Writer

Hapa Issues Forum presented "The Changing Face of Asian Pacific America: Multi-racial / Bi-racial Voice," Tuesday in Washington Square Hall to celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

"People don't know what being multi-racial is all about," said Dawn Lee activities coordinator, at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center. "It's an opportunity for people to learn about ethnicities and cultures."

According to Hapa Issues Forum, Hapa is a Hawaiian term used to describe an Asian Pacific Islander of mixed ethnicities.

Hapa Issues Forum, represented by San Jose State University students Robert Hong, Celena Sajor and James Pickens, presented a discussion of multi-racial / bi-racial identity. The use of personal experiences gave insight into issues the members growing up being bi-racial.

Assistant Professor Curtiss Tanaka Rooks of the social science department led the discussion speaking on Filipinos and Chinese who were the

first to start multi-racial / bi-racial groups, in the United States.

Rooks spoke personally about his bi-racial heritage. The son of a Japanese mother and an African American father, Rooks said at a young age he was told that being bi-racial he had the best of both worlds.

"There's this notion of a super race that is hybrid vigor," Rooks said.

After Rooks read a poem, panelists Hong, Sajor and Pickens introduced themselves. They stated their racial heritage and discussed their upbringing to a crowded room of students from various ethnic backgrounds.

Hong began the discussion declaring his Korean and white heritage. He said he grew up in Los Angeles, where the majority ethnicity was Latino. He told the audience there were not many Korean or white people where he grew up.

"We all go through that identity crisis where we try to figure out who we are," said Hong, a junior journalism major. "It was a little bit harder for me because I didn't know who I was."

Racist jokes were a part of most of the panelists' upbringing, they said. Hong shared the stereotypical jokes

he endured as a child. When growing up he heard jokes about how Asians cannot drive.

Sajor, who has a Filipino father and Mexican mother, said she also received racial jokes. Because she is Filipino, she was asked if she ate dogs because Filipinos are known for eating them. Her only answer was that she had never eaten dog but that maybe her family had.

Sajor grew up in Stockton and attended a predominantly white elementary school. At a young age she found refuge in a dance troop.

"I never really wanted to accept who I was because I wanted to be like everyone else," said Sajor, a sophomore social science major.

Attending college opened the eyes of many of the panelists.

"It wasn't until I met Professor Rooks that I found out some answers to some of the questions that I had," Sajor said. "It was comforting to know I wasn't the only one who had all these questions or issues about my race."

Pickens, a freshman, grew up in Monterey learning Korean as his first language. When Pickens, a descendant of an African American father

A Florida-sized question: What to do with 6 million ballots from 2000 election?

MIAMI (AP) — Florida's hanging, dimpled and pregnant chads wreaked havoc in the 2000 presidential election. Now, the 6 million ballots are causing another problem: Should they be destroyed or saved because of their historical significance?

The Florida secretary of state has extended the ballot preservation deadline until July 1 to give legislators time to decide what to do. But lawmakers have yet to discuss the ballots with less than a week to go in the Legislature's regular session.

Many election supervisors in Florida's 67 counties want to get rid of the ballots because they take up so much space. Miami-Dade's are in taped-up cardboard boxes stacked to the ceiling of a warehouse, while Palm Beach County's 2000 election records sit on three 5-by-5 foot pallets, each of them 6 feet high.

"If someone wants to have all these, they better know what they're getting

into," said Theresa LePore, the elections supervisor responsible for Palm Beach County's infamous "butterfly" ballot. She once joked a bonfire would be best way to get rid of the materials.

In all, Florida's 2000 election ballots would fill more than 450 four-drawer file cabinets. The problem is that there is no plan on what to do with them or any idea on what it would cost to store them in a single repository — if one could be found to take them.

The ballots, for now, are in limbo. Julian Pleasants, a University of Florida history professor, said destroying the ballots would leave a hole in U.S. history.

"If you don't have a ballot, how do you understand the difference between a hanging chad and a three-corner chad, or between a pregnant chad and a dimpled chad?"

Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, said she agreed.



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'Listening Hour' dazzles with song and dance

By Wendy Lopez
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University's Concert Choir boomed with multicultural melodies and rhythmic sounds throughout the Concert Hall in the Music building Thursday.

The concert was part of the Listening Hour, an event held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Every Listening hour event is free.

The lunchtime performance began with "A Jubilant Song," a vocal piece echoing sounds of harmony, as the choir blended their voices to unite as one entity.

Frederique Dunoyer, assistant music choir conductor, said the song was part of a cultural diversity theme of "Make a Song!"

"The concert is about sharing culture and tradition through the use of music," Dunoyer said. "Being part of a new day is to share music and live each day as much as possible."

The performers' black apparel is a way to emphasize cultural unity, she said.

"Black is a neutral color," Dunoyer said. "Having the men wear colorful ties and the women wear colorful scarves around their neck on top of their black clothes is a way to unite all the cultures in the world."

Dunoyer said "Gamelan," a tune sung by the choir, is a song about two characters fighting with each other.

Male and female vocal performers began on a light musical note. Slowly, but steadily, both parties showed signs of aggression as the speed of joining lyrics increased.

The males sang in shorter pitches as the women used higher notes to make a strong point.

"The song is composed in a pentatonic scale that consists of only five musical notes," Dunoyer said.

"The notes combined together show an argument," Jeff Huang, sophomore music major, played a musical piece on a Chinese harp-like instrument to imitate the sounds of a pounding drum. Huang said he has been playing it for roughly three years.

"The song focuses on the Dragon Boat Festival during the Chinese Lunar New Year," Huang said. "Using the instrument like a drum shows enthusiasm for the festival."

Dunoyer said the harp-like instrument mimics the sounds of a flowing waterfall.

Dramatic musical notes flowed one after another, as his hands swept across the stringed instrument. Huang lightly plucked a few strings, emphasizing energetic points in the song.

"Bringing people together through the power of music is a way to form a peaceful movement of happiness," Huang said.

Dunoyer said "Muie Renda" is a flirtatious song between a man and a woman, touching on the dating game.

Dunoyer said the lacemaking woman is told by a man that he can teach her to court if the woman takes the time to teach him how to weave.

The program ended with a western hoedown, with young vocalists putting their dance moves into action with supporting lyrics in the background.

As the choir sang lively beats, they happily clapped their hands, ending the concert with a cheerful western tap, hard into the floor.



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ABOVE: San Jose State University Concert Choir members Karyna Fraser and Celeste Galvan, dance during the group's closing act, "Bile Them Cabbage Down." The performance was part of the school of Music and Dance's "Listening Hour" series.

LEFT: Rachel Velben, soprano section leader and a junior performance major, sang during the SJSU Concert Choir's performance in the Concert Hall last Thursday.

'The Practice' awaits a verdict on its future days from ABC

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — David E. Kelley, one of television's most respected writer-producers, is known as a reserved man who tends to save his words for the page.

But the possibility that "The Practice" might come to what Kelley considers an unjust and untimely end on ABC has made him an outspoken advocate for his legal drama.

"I'm still very devoted to it," Kelley said. "What's frustrating is that I see such a future in it."

But does ABC?

The two-hour episode that airs 9 p.m. EDT Monday could be the season finale — or mark the end of a series that captured consecutive

Emmys as best drama in 1998 and 1999.

For the rest of May sweeps, one of the intense ratings periods used to set ad rates, the series' time slot will be filled by specials (including one marking ABC's 50th anniversary).

"The Practice" has ended other seasons knowing its return was secure, but the network this year will say only that its 2003-04 schedule will be unveiled at a presentation for Madison Avenue on May 13.

Kelley can't help but find ABC responsible for what's happened to his longest-running series. His other successes include "Picket Fences," "Ally McBeal" and "Boston Publics."

"The Practice" was evicted from its 10 p.m. Sunday home to Monday in January, when newcomer "Dragnet"

took its place. The reason, ABC said, was to avoid grouping three new mid-season dramas on one night. Instead, "The Practice" was to serve as a linchpin for two of the shows.

The network, which suffered a sharp drop in ratings last season, has been fighting for traction. It managed to halt the slide but awaits a turnaround, trailing NBC and CBS and narrowly ahead of Fox in total viewers.

Kelley bristled at the move, and the outcome proved grim. "The Practice" tumbled in the ratings, especially against one of Fox's frisky reality series, "Joe Millionaire." Ranked among the top 25 shows when the season started, "The Practice" was No. 69 last week.

ABC newcomers "Veritas: The

Quest" and "Miracles" foundered and were canceled.

Kelley is holding out hope his series will be renewed and returned to its Sunday slot, which he considered a good fit. It deserves that, said the lawyer-turned-writer who got his start on "L.A. Law."

"Creatively, I think we're having a very strong year. Most people would argue that it's better than the two seasons before," he said, a reference to critics who contend the show had lost its punch.

The actors shares Kelley's exasperation and passion.

All are eager to return, said Camryn Manheim, who plays a member of the scrappy Boston law firm headed by Bobby Donnell (Dylan McDermott). The ensemble cast features Michael

Badalucco, Lara Flynn Boyle, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Steve Harris and Kelli Williams.

They've been lobbying for the show both here and abroad, where it's also seen.

"Dylan's been doing a lot of publicity, Lara has, I have," said Manheim. "I flew to New York. I spoke to Finland, to Australia, to anyone. We've been putting up a fight."

The loyalty to the series and to Kelley is easy to explain, she said.

"The issues, the topics, he tackles are current and important and provocative. ... I'm so proud of the work we get to do and the words we get to say."

and the conduct of the courts and attorneys. For his work on it and his other series, Kelley received the

Writers Guild of America's lifetime achievement honor, the Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award, in March.

Does Manheim harbor resentment toward ABC for the show's handling?

"I'm giving ABC the benefit of the doubt right now. ... If we get canceled because they moved us without consulting us, without talking with David, I will feel incredibly resentful."

Kelley said there is more he would like to do with "The Practice," especially now.

"We're in a very strange place in our country in terms of privacy laws that are now in jeopardy. Even freedom of speech, which has been so fundamental to who we are as a people, doesn't enjoy the same protection. A lot of these issues in our new, post-9-11 world are ripe for examination."

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Spartans' King rocks Saint Mary's

By Daniel Lopez
Daily Sports Editor

Spartan leftfielder Markum King needed a hit and did he ever get one. Wednesday at Blethen Field, in the fifth inning of San Jose State University's 8-3 win over Saint Mary's College of Moraga, King hit a grand slam home run.

With SJSU up 4-3, King came to the plate with no men out and the bases loaded.

Facing the Gaels' David Fox with the three-ball, one-strike count, King hit a towering shot over the fence in center field for his third home run of the season and the eventual deciding runs.

"I knew (Fox) was going to come down the middle and the rest is what it is," King said.

The performance against the Gaels was a turnaround for King who did not have a hit in the weekend series against the University of Hawaii.

King ended Wednesday's game with six RBIs, two hits, a walk and a stolen base in three at bats.

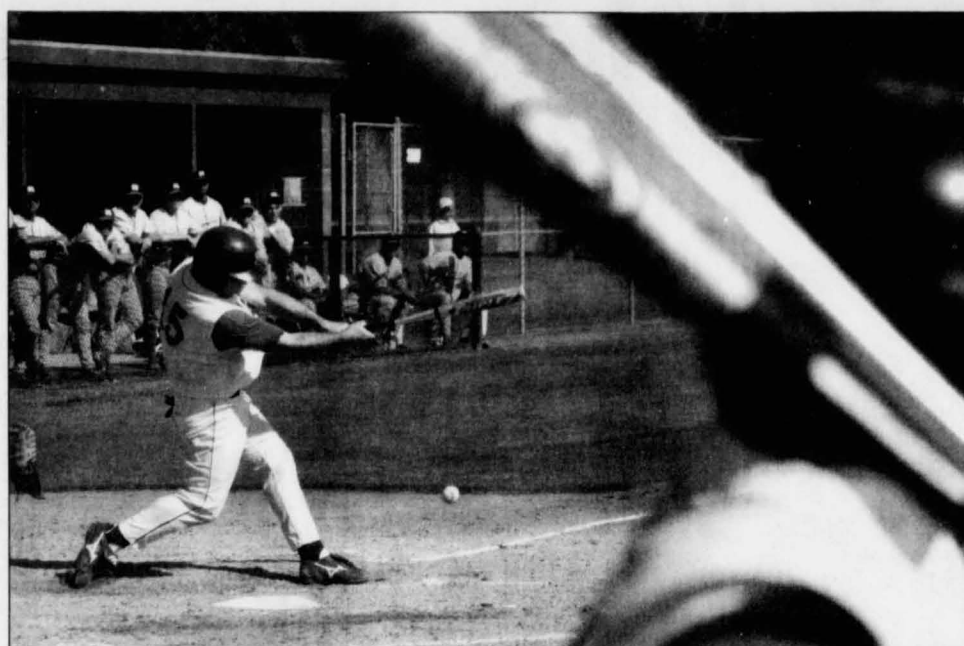
The appearance at the plate in the fifth was not the only time in the game King was up with runners in scoring position.

In the third inning with the bases loaded he hit a single through the left side of the infield to score two runs. That hit gave the Spartans a 4-2 advantage.

Coming into the game without a hit over the weekend, King said, "I was dying for a hit. I got my opportunities with the bases loaded twice and I came through for the team."

Doug Thurman, the Spartans' associate head coach, said it was offensively good to see someone, "Really step up and come through with runners in scoring position," as King did.

Transitioning back to the grass field at Blethen from the artificial surface in Hawaii Thurman said, "You could have expected some



Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff

San Jose State University outfielder Jon Heuerman hit a foul ball in the third inning of Wednesday's baseball game against Saint Mary's at Blethen Field. The Spartans next game is slated for 2:30 p.m. Friday against Sacramento State University at Blethen Field.

errors in the infield."

The Spartans had two errors. The first was charged to SJSU third baseman Kevin Frandsen who missed a ball that he tried to backhand and allowed a run to score in the first inning.

Thurman said such errors are "more mental than physical," and that it is a "50-50 play when you try to backhand it."

Frandsen said, "It was a ball I should have charged. I caught myself on my heels."

Spartan pitcher Carlos Torres, who sailed the ball away from first base-

men Jordan Bergstrom while attempting to pick off the Gaels' Jeff Cunningham, committed the other error.

In the end Thurman said the team did enough to win because it was a designed by staff game in which multiple pitchers are used.

SJSU's pitchers were able to hold the Gaels scoreless in six innings. The Gaels' first run came by way of the Frandsen error in the second inning.

A single up the middle in the third by Saint Mary's Bryan Byrne scored Cunningham who advanced to third

after singling. The final run was scored in the fifth after Byrne hit a solo homer to center.

The Spartans' pitching took control and starter Brandon Dewing recorded the victory improving his record to 3-1.

The Gaels' Kevin Trochez was hit with the loss and fell to 1-5.

In the ninth inning SJSU's Brad Kilby struck out the first two batters and forced the Gaels' Tim Spooner to fly out.

King, who caught the ball for the final out said, "It was a closure on a good day."

Bonds homers twice; Schmidt gets shutout

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds homered twice to give him 621 for his career and Jason Schmidt pitched a three-hitter and struck out 12 in a game he dedicated to his late mother, leading the San Francisco Giants over the Chicago Cubs 5-0 Wednesday night.

It was Bonds' first multihomer game of the season and 62nd of his career, which ties him with Hank Aaron for fourth on the all-time list. Babe Ruth (72), Mark McGwire (67) and Willie Mays (63) are ahead of them.

Bonds hit a two-run homer in the third off Matt Clement (2-3) that sailed about 410 feet over the fence in left-center, then led off the sixth with another shot off Clement that landed over the right-field wall in McCovey Cove.

It was Bonds' 23rd homer into the water. A man immediately jumped

out of his kayak to retrieve the ball. Bonds hit his seventh and eighth homers of the season, and nearly had another in the eighth that was just beyond the foul pole in right.

The NL West-leading Giants, off to their best start in 30 years, snapped their first three-game losing streak of the season and spoiled Day 2 of the Dusty Baker Reunion.

Baker, the former San Francisco manager, won 4-2 in the opener of the three-game series Tuesday. But Schmidt kept the Cubs' bats at bay on an emotional night for the right-hander.

Schmidt (3-0), a 13-game winner last season who hadn't pitched since April 18 at Los Angeles, retired the first nine batters with five strikeouts.

His mother, Vicki, died last week from a malignant brain tumor and Schmidt attended the funeral in Washington state.

A's leave White Sox in a fog

CHICAGO (AP) — Mark Mulder was tough on the Chicago White Sox. So was the fog.

"I've never seen, at least never played baseball in anything like that," Mulder said after pitching a four-hitter as the Oakland Athletics beat the Chicago White Sox 4-1 Wednesday night. "It was just weird."

Oakland extended its winning streak to six games, scoring its first run when Chicago right fielder Magglio Ordonez lost Eric Byrnes' fly ball in the fog and it went for an RBI triple.

The game was delayed twice — once after the third and again in the top of the fifth — for a total of 45 minutes.

"I felt great, even with the two delays," Mulder said. "They gave us enough time to warm back up and I didn't have any problems going back out there."

Mulder (4-1) pitched his second straight complete game, striking out six and walking none. He lost a bid for consecutive shutouts when Carlos Lee doubled in the eighth and eventually scored on Joe Crede's infield out.

Between the two delays, just as the fog began to thicken again, Ordonez lost Byrnes' routine fly ball and Oakland's Ramon Hernandez scored all the way from first.

"It was a tough situation where I almost feel bad. I know how I'd feel if it happened to me," Mulder said.

"I knew the inning before as I was standing in center field that if any fly

ball is hit, it's going to drop," Byrnes said.

"As soon as I hit it, I knew he wasn't going to see it. Ramon had stopped between first and second and I started yelling, 'Get going.'"

After the triple, the game was delayed a second time for 31 minutes. When the teams returned, Terrence Long hit the second pitch from Mark Buehrle (2-4) for an RBI single.

Eric Chavez hit his fifth homer, a solo shot in the sixth, and Erubiel Durazo and Hernandez hit back-to-back doubles to make it 4-0.

But the play that got the A's started was the foggy fly ball. The umpires told both managers that if outfielders couldn't see the ball, they should signal and play would be stopped.

Ordenez refused to comment after the game.

"I saw it off the bat and tried to yell at him, but the crowd was yelling and he couldn't hear me. I don't think he even saw it," Chicago center fielder Aaron Rowand said of Ordenez.

Aaron and Magglio were playing catch before the inning and felt that they could see, but obviously when the fog rolled in and then the guy hit the ball, it was a little late," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said.

Not counting the delays, the game took 1:54, the fastest for the White Sox since May 18, 1987, at Seattle. It was Oakland's quickest since Aug. 31, 1982, a game at Boston took also took 1:54.

Kings prove too much for Jazz and move to second round

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Sacramento Kings are moving on — and the Utah Jazz can start wondering what their dynamic duo will do next.

Chris Webber had 26 points and 11 rebounds, and Peja Stojakovic scored 22 points as the Kings advanced to the second round of the playoffs, beating the Jazz 111-91 on Wednesday night to win their best-of-seven series in five games.

It was a fairly unremarkable victory

for the deeper, more talented Kings, who never trailed while forcing their up-tempo style on the Jazz. Bobby Jackson had 18 points and six assists for Sacramento, which will face the winner of the Dallas-Portland series in the conference semifinals.

But the game probably will turn out to be a historic one. It might have been the final 48 minutes in the partnership between John Stockton and Karl Malone, the Jazz cornerstones who built a perennial winner

in small-market Salt Lake City during 18 years together.

Malone, the NBA's second-leading career scorer, has strongly hinted he plans to finally follow through on his frequent threats to leave Utah to play for a championship contender. The 41-year-old Stockton will consider retirement after being an effective point guard for 19 seasons — longer than any player in league history.

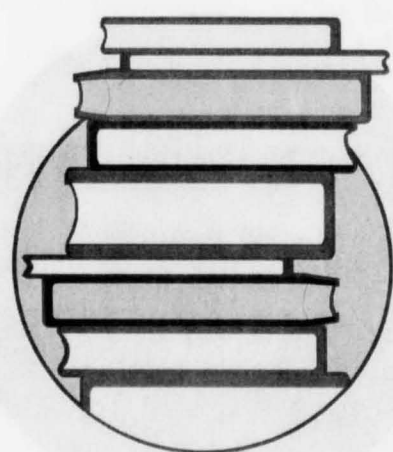
What's more, Utah coach Jerry Sloan has hinted he might be ready

to retire after 15 seasons. He's the longest-tenured coach or manager in the four major pro sports.

Stockton used all of his legendary grit against Kings point guard Mike Bibby, and Malone battled Webber throughout. Stockton found Malone for three of his seven assists — the last on a 6-foot jumper off a pick-and-roll late in the first half.

Malone finished with 14 points on 5-of-17 shooting, and Stockton had eight points in 28 minutes.

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